

Abstract:

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~~To provide an information providing system which can easily and quickly provide
information about parts.~~

A system that provides information quickly and easily about parts. The system includes a database storing information about parts and their unit prices, amount of money, products, and environment linked with each other, and a database storing materials and their unit prices, amount of money, products, and environment. By inputting a condition, information satisfying the condition can be retrieved from each database and provided.

REMARKS**I. Status of the Claims:**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the instant application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-7, 14, 15, 18-27, 34, 35, 38-43, and 46-47 are pending. Claims 1, 6, 14, 15, 21, 26, 34-35, 41 and 46 are amended. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter. Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

II. Objections to the Specification:

The Examiner objected to the Abstract of the Disclosure. Attached is a substitute Abstract of the Disclosure.

III. Objections to the Claims:

The Examiner objected to several of the claims for containing various informalities. As amended, these claims are believed to no longer include these informalities. Accordingly, Applicants request that these objections be withdrawn.

IV. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103:

All of the pending claims are rejected on various grounds under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). For each of these rejections, the Examiner relies on U.S. Patent No. 6,324,522 to Peterson et al. ("Peterson"). However, for some of these rejections, the Examiner relies on various additional references.

Independent claims 1, 14, 21, 34, 41, and 46 have been amended to more clearly recite features of the present invention. These claims recite features involving the display of

price information about objects purchased at a plurality of bases from a corresponding supplier, and information of the plurality of bases and the supplier. In addition, these amended claims clarify the recited plurality of bases and supplier are different.

Peterson discloses displaying “the code for the owner of the item” and “the price of the item” (see, e.g., lines 54-55 of column 15). However, Peterson fails to disclose or suggest displaying both of “the base” and “the supplier”. Moreover, the additional references applied by the Examiner fail to overcome this deficiency of Peterson. Accordingly, for at least this reason, Applicants respectfully request that the outstanding rejections be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4685.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4685.

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